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REVISE HUNGARIAN ACADEMIC DEGREES:
EXTEND PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSES

ADOPT DOCTOR OF SCIENCES DEGREE - Budapest, Magyar Kozlony, 11 Sep 51

Following the Soviet pattern, Hungarian educational institutions will introduce the degree of Doctor of Sciences. Granting of all academic degrees conferring the title of "doctor" will cease. Awarding of the new degree will be judged by the Scientific Qualifying Committee of the Academy of Sciences, upon completion of the usual requirements for doctorates. The recipient of the degree of Doctor of Sciences is entitled to a diploma stating the field of his work. Holders of old academic degrees will be eligible for the degree of Doctor of Sciences without preparing a new dissertation, if their scientific work meets requirements.

In the future the title of doctor, formerly granted with other degrees, will be supplanted by a certification, i.e., certified physician, certified attorney, etc. The title of doctor, acquired under the old system, may still be used, but will not be considered a requirement for any position, nor held an advantage in consideration for promotion.

The present titles of "full university professor" and "assistant professor" will be changed to "university professor," and research institute professors will assume the title of "university docent." University professorial chairs will be filled by university professors or university docents.

ESTABLISH 2-YEAR PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE - Budapest, Konnyuipari Ertesito, 23 Sep 51

The previous one-year pre-professional course (szakerttsegi tanfolyam) has been extended to 2 years. During the first year, workers will have three 3-hour sessions of instruction a week after working hours. The second year is spent in residence and consists of full-day courses. Worker and peasant youths

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18-30 years of age, including an increasing number of women are to be recommended for the courses. Candidates for the courses may not have more than 8 years of general school and 2 years of gymnasium education.

During the first year, students receive free textbooks. In the second year, in addition to room and board, students receive 100 forints a month subsistence, plus 50 forints for each dependent. Students continuing advanced education at university day classes, following the completion of the 2-year course, receive similar aid.

Students completing the pre-professional courses may apply for admission to university courses in the fields of natural sciences and engineering.

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